

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 11, 19 and 26 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled and no claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-14, 17-22 and 25-28 are presented for further examination. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-14, 17-22 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the Enablement requirement. The Examiner noted in the Office Action that the enhancement of the immune response included both an enhancement of a humoral immune response and an enhancement of a cellular immune response. The Examiner further noted that while being enabling for a method of inducing a humoral immune response, the specification did not reasonably provide enablement for a method of inducing a cellular immune response.

This rejection can't be maintained since all of the claims, as amended, now limit the immune responses to the humoral immune responses. As admitted by the Examiner, the specification provides enablement for a method of inducing a humoral response. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application meets the enablement requirement of 35 USC §112, and that this rejection is overcome.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 26-28 were rejected as being anticipated by Burke et al (U.S. 5,169,862). Specifically, the Examiner is of the opinion that Burke et al. disclose "bacterial protein."

Applicant herein amends claim 26 to delete "bacterial protein" and now submits that the Burke reference does not anticipate the present invention as now claimed and that this rejection is overcome.

In view of the foregoing, an action allowing all of the claims now in the application and passing this case onto issue is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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